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1. Preparations are being made for the mass production of 200 KW and 400 KW turbines at the Machine and Turbine Works in Elblag. These turbines were designed by the design office of the plant and prototypes of the 200 KW model have been built.
2. At the request of the Ministry of National Defense, the Oil Technology Department of the Oil Research Institute, 25b Lubicz Street in Krakow is studying the problem of fuels suitable for jet-propelled airplanes and the production of such fuel by Polish refineries. Engineer Zdzislaw Nestorski is in charge of the research project and is the head of the Oil Technology Department.
3. A plant producing parachutes and tent canvas is located in Jablonna (R53/K90) and employs about 2,000 workers. A measuring instrument plant in Mieszkowice (Bacrwalde in Neumark), reported to be one of the largest plants of its kind in Poland, produces water-level indicators and adding machines, among other items.
4. The Stalowa Wola Steelworks is under strict Soviet supervision and produces solely for military customers. Because of the failure of the plant to fulfill its production quota General Manager Siwecki and Plant Manager Gutman were dismissed on 1 August 1951 and replaced by General Manager Antoni Czechowicz. Prototypes of an 85 mm anti-aircraft gun, model S3, have been tested successfully and the gun is in production. It is planned that by 1953 the annual production of this type of gun will be 1,500 pieces. The guns produced at the Stalowa Wola plant are taken over by military officers in the presence of a Soviet Colonel Aleksandrov. Urgent orders call for the delivery to a plant in Radom by the end of September 1951 of 90,000 rifle barrels, to be bored at the Radom plant, 20,000 Russian-type bayonets and 20,000 pistols. The plant has also started production of fuses and grenades.
5. The Knurów Gunpowder Plant is located in a forest near Rybnik (051/Y25) and is connected by rail with the Szczepiowice railroad station (051/Y36). The plant employs about 4,000 workers and operates on two shifts. Gunpowder, dynamite and percussion caps for rifle and heavy machine gun ammunition are produced at a rate of three to four freight carloads and eight to ten trucks loaded with cases 60 cm by 60 cm by 80 cm per day.

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